

Cambridge. 13 July 1844

My Dear Sir

I kept your letter a day or two till Eaton arrived, being here I looked for the specimen you sent of Marsile a to compare it critically with M. quadrifolia. But I have laid it away so carelessly that I cannot now find it. So we will defer the particular comparison till you get this year's fruit. Meanwhile I note that my European specimens all have the fruit, not on the horizontal stem, but on the

footstalk
~~footstalk~~, and in
pairs.

When it fructifies
Please make good
specimens in abundance.
I should like a stock
of the plant growing
if you could be so kind,
and think I might
cultivate and watch it.

I am sorry to say
all my European speci-
mens are glued down,
so that I can send
you none. Compare
in Dr. Lewis' herbarium,
Vernacular Press
Asa Gray